

Guide to Barnard Camp-Holly House BC40

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Summary Information

Repository:	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
Title:	Barnard Camp-Holly House
ID:	BC40
ID [aspace_uri]:	/repositories/2/resources/300
Date [inclusive]:	1927-1980
Physical Description:	14 Linear Feet 14 boxes
Physical Location:	This collection is located in the Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or archives@barnard.edu
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract :	This collection consists of reports, minutes, correspondence, handbooks, ledgers, scrapbooks, watercolors, photographs, and films documenting activities at Barnard Camp-Holly House, a campsite in Westchester County owned by Barnard college from 1933-1992. The camp provided weekend retreats to Barnard students and alumnae.

Preferred Citation

Barnard Camp-Holly House, 1927-1980; Box and Folder; Barnard College Archives, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

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Historical Note

In the early 1920s, students began spending weekends at various campsites, hoping for some time away from the pressures of New York City. With the success of these weekends, many people began petitioning for a permanent camp that the college could call its own. Barnard

alumnae eventually raised enough money to purchase ten acres of land in Westchester County, only 36 miles from the college itself.

Barnard Camp's formal opening took place on October 15, 1933, quickly becoming a popular weekend destination for students and alumnae alike. Visitors stayed in a cabin where they cooked their own meals, pumped their own water, and slept in bunk beds in stove-heated rooms. During its early years, students could take part in the annual June Camp Training Course, where six students each from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes could learn various leadership skills. Some June course participants would then be chosen to become members of Barnard's camp committee, helping plan camp weekends. The camp grew to 20 acres of land in 1938 after an additional alumnae purchase. In 1964, honoring the retirement of Physical Education Department chairman Margaret Holland, Barnard Camp's cabin was officially named "Holly House".

Camp popularity began to fade by the mid 1950s, with the 1961-1962 camp report stating that "apparently few are interested in spending a weekend of group living with girls, especially when there are chores and some discomfort". In response, the camp committee attempted to modernize its facilities; however, the college's budget meant that the plan was not feasible for the time being. Other difficulties also may have detracted students in following years, such as a problem with stray dogs on a neighboring property in 1974. Barnard Camp was sold in 1992, though the reason why is not entirely clear. Barnard Archive's collection contains materials from the camp's initial planning and fundraising through 1980, twelve years before the camp was sold.

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Collection Scope and Content Summary

Boxes 1-3 contain various documents, brochures, and maps related to Barnard Camp. This includes (but is not limited to) annual camp reports, board minutes, fund raising records, correspondence, inventories, policies, precedence reports, and schedules. Folders are arranged alphabetically.

Boxes 4-6 contain scrapbooks of photos from Barnard Camp weekends. The earliest photos were taken in 1928, before Barnard acquired a permanent camp. The photos continue through to the late 1940s/early 1950s.

Boxes 7-10 contain logs of Barnard Camp's June Leadership Courses from 1934-1940, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, and 1953. These annual logs served as journals of the June Course experiences, providing camper names, lighthearted (and often illustrated) daily diaries, songs, photographs, meal lists, and humorous anecdotes about the campers.

Box 10 also contains license plates used by the Barnard Athletics Department van.

Box 11 contains guest books from 1934-1980. In these books, Barnard Camp visitors would record their names, addresses, dates stayed at camp, graduating classes, and remarks on their stays. This box also contains a blank leather booklet with a picture of a bear on the cover.

Box 12 contains photographs and architectural renderings of the camp.

Box 13 contains miscellaneous negatives and Holly House slides.

Box 14 contains DAB [Dorothy A Braumeck?] '36, "Roads and Trails in the Vicinity of Barnard Camp of Barnard College Westchester County, New York" c. 1936

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Collection Arrangement

Collection is unprocessed and order is not apparent.

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Access

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Acquisition Information

Unknown donations and donation from Marjorie Lange in 2021.

Accruals

No additions are expected.

Processing History

This collection was processed and the finding aid written by Marcia Bassett and Stephanie Mannheim BC '14. Finding aid written by Stephanie Mannheim in July 2011 and updated by Martha Tenney in July 2021.

Descriptive Rules Used: Finding aid adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Encoding: Machine readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Women's colleges -- New York (State) -- New York
- Outdoor recreation for women
- Students -- Social life and customs
- Student activities
- Barnard College

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Box 1	box 1
Advisory Committee Meetings, 1951-1963	box 1

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Advisory Committee Meetings, 1973-1974	box 1
Barnard Camp Reports, 1929-1938	box 1
Barnard Camp Reports, 1939-1945	box 1
Barnard Camp Reports, 1945-1953	box 1
Barnard Camp Report, 1945-1946	box 1
Barnard Camp Report, 1946-1947	box 1
Barnard Camp Report, 1947-1948	box 1
Barnard Camp Report, 1948-1949	box 1
Barnard Camp Report, 1949-1950	box 1
Barnard Camp Report, 1951-1952	box 1
Barnard Camp Reports, 1953-1956	box 1
Barnard Camp Reports, 1957-1970	box 1
Barnard Song, 1962	box 1
Business - General, 1940-1959	box 1
Camp Committee, 1947-1954	box 1
Box 2	box 2
Correspondence - General, 1927-1954	box 2
Correspondence, nd. 1956-1972	box 2
Correspondence, 1957-1974	box 2
Darlington Fund, 1950	box 2
Equipment, Maintenance, and Repair, 1930's-1959	box 2
Events Held at Camp, 1933-1971	box 2
Fund Raising, 1928-1934	box 2
Fund Raising, 1944-1945	box 2
Handbook of the Barnard Camp Chairman, 1953-1954	box 2
History/General Information, 1924-1970	box 2
Inaguration and Development of Barnard's Physical Education Program, 1919-1936	box 2
Intercollegiate Outing Club Assoc., 1940-1951	box 2
Inventories, 1956-1971	box 2
June Leadership Course, 1936-1954	box 2
Ledger, 1958-1961	box 2
Maintenance, nd., 1962, 1974	

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	box 2
Maps and Plans, 1932-1972	box 2
Minutes and Agendas, 1971-1974	box 2
Box 3	box 3
Minutes - Board of Governors, 1970-1972	box 3
Misc, 1928-1974	box 3
Notes and Special Events, May 1964	box 3
Policy and Procedure, 1927-1934	box 3
Policy and Procedure, 1933	box 3
Policies, 1971	box 3
Precedence Report, 1959-1960	box 3
Precedence Report, 1960-1961	box 3
Precedent Book, 1950-1951	box 3
Publicity, 1933-1952	box 3
Publicity, 1956-1966	box 3
Reservation Lists and Checklists, 1970-1971	box 3
Schedule of Weekends, 1928-1941	box 3
Spring Barbecue Honoring Margaret Holland, contains photographs, 1964	box 3
Statistics, 1933-1952	box 3
Use of Barnard Camp, 1958	box 3
June Course photo essay by Lois Oberlander '61, 1960	box 3
Box 4	box 4
Barnard Camp Scrapbook Vol. 1, 1928-1933	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Brittle pages, loose photographs	
Barnard Camp Scrapbook Vol. 2, 1934-1935	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Brittle pages, loose photographs	
Box 5	box 5
Barnard Camp Scrapbook Vol 3, 1936-c. 1940	box 5

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, loose photographs

Barnard Camp Scrapbook Vol 4, 1941-1945 box 5

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, contains photos

Box 6 box 6

Barnard Camp Scrapbook, c. 1948-1952 box 6

Scope and Contents

Contains photos

Box 7 box 7

Barnard Camp Log, 1934-1937 box 7

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, loose materials/photographs

Box 8 box 8

Barnard Camp Log, 1938-1940 box 8

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, loose materials/photographs,
binding falling apart

Barnard Camp Log, 1943 box 8

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, loose photographs

Box 9 box 9

Barnard Camp Log, 1945 box 9

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, contains photos

Barnard Camp Log, 1947 box 9

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, loose materials/photographs

Box 10 box 10

Barnard Camp Log, 1949 box 10

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Unbound brittle pages

Barnard Camp Log, 1950 box 10

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages, loose photographs

Barnard Camp Log, 1953 box 10

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Binding falling apart, some loose and brittle pages

License Plates box 10

Box 11 box 11

Guest Book, 1934-1976 box 11

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Binding falling apart

Guest Book, 1954-1977 box 11

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Binding falling apart

Guest Book, 1977-1980 box 11

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Binding falling apart

Blank Book box 11

Scope and Contents

Fragile - Brittle pages